



NEWBURY BLUES



**REGIONAL 2 TRIBUTE SOUTH CENTRAL
2022 – 2023 SEASON**

WELCOME

I'd like to wish all our members and supporters a happy and healthy New Year as we return for the remainder of the 2022/23 season.

We are half-way into the season and there is much to celebrate. Rugby is going well, both with our women's 1st XV unbeaten so far and the Blue's, after a slow start, are now showing their potential. The Club still runs more than 21 teams overall, offering rugby to all across our community thanks to our volunteer coaching teams.

On the business side, commercial are reaping the benefits of the hard work put in over the last year and members and supporters are enjoying improvements to service and quality as a result. I'd like to personally thank everyone for their ongoing time and commitment so far this season and for their dedication to this club.

Of course, there are always things to challenge us, and the leadership teams continue to manage the affairs of rugby and the wider club to ensure its ongoing success. We are always looking for volunteers to help in a managerial or practical way, so if you want to get involved, please contact me or any member of the rugby committee or management board. We'd be interested to hear from you.

Finally, I hope you enjoy today's game. Don't forget to log-in to our website to pick up the latest news in "Blues News – Keeping in Touch" which will keep you up to date with what's going on at the club and the next big game or event.

It just leaves me to wish all our teams good luck for the remainder of the season.

Kind regards,

Louise Goodall - Club Chair



NEWBURY BLUES FIXTURES 2022-23 (UPDATED)

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH CENTRAL						
03-Sep	Shipston-on-Stour	(A)		10 Dec	Marlborough	P
10-Sep	Stow-on-the-Wold	(H)		17 Dec	Tottonians	P
17 Sep	Marlborough	(A)		07 Jan	Buckingham	(H)
24 Sep	Tottonians	(H)		14 Jan	Devizes	(A)
01 Oct	Buckingham	(A)		21 Jan	Grove	P
15 Oct	Devizes	(H)		28 Jan	Swindon	(A)
22 Oct	Grove	(A)		03 Feb	Marlborough (2.30pm KO)	(H)
29 Oct	Swindon	(H)		11 Feb	Witney (2.15pm KO)	(H)
05 Nov	Witney	(A)		18 Feb	Reading (3.00pm KO)	(H)
12 Nov	Reading	(A)		25 Feb	Tottonians (Rearranged)	(A)
26 Nov	Salisbury	(H)		04 Mar	Salisbury	(A)
03 Dec	Stow-on-the-Wold	(A)		11 Mar	Shipston-on-Stour (3.00pm KO)	(H)
				25 Mar	Grove (3.00pm KO)	(H)

ANNUAL PINK CHARITY DAY

We'd like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone for their generous support for our Annual Pink Charity Day.



LAST CHANCE TO MAKE A DONATION

If you would like to make a donation towards **Newbury Cancer Care**, you can do so via our special **Just Giving** page – scan the QR code or follow the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/newbury-rugby-club-pink-day-2023>

Final totals will be announced in due course.

SCAN ME



BLUES NEWS



NEWBURY BLUES v READING RFC

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2023, KO 3PM

WELCOME TO NRFC REUNION WEEKEND WITH LIVE MUSIC AND REAL ALE

It is also the double header against local rivals Reading, with both The Blues and the Stags playing at home to Reading; a rare treat just like the good old Days!! An opportunity to catch up with old friends with over 160 booked in for lunch and many others just coming for the game. Despite being half term, it's set to be a busy dayand a busy March (see the events programmed in).

A special welcome to Reading today, who we first started playing over 90 years ago! The ties are strong. Coached by Lee Goodall (our former Head Coach at Newbury, who is married of course to our esteemed Club Chair Lou), I also know that at Junior Level they sometimes share training sessions with their counterparts at Reading and I remember along with many others playing regularly against them. A great local Derby.

Last week a brilliant day at Newbury RFC was capped with a fine win against third placed Witney and it was good to see Alex De Sautoy winning his first cap for The Blues, meaning 14 of that starting squad of 18 had come through our Junior ranks. He was also elected Player of the Match. Reading had a very close game, narrowly losing to Swindon against whom we had a very narrow victory in one of the best games of the season. When we played at Reading, the game was also very close until the last 20 minutes, so today's contest should be very competitive and entertaining.

Newbury Women won both their fixtures last weekend with the first team top of the league with ten out of ten victories and a 90-0 demolition of Supermarine - they are flying high! If you haven't watched them yet, make it a definite in your diary. It's quite a special season.

Last weekend the Pink Charity Day was a great success and the perfect showcase for many of our 40 plus sponsors who we invited to say thank you for their incredible support of our community rugby club. This year we were fundraising for Newbury Cancer Care, and the sponsors and the Trustees of the charity took an active and generous role in making it a fun afternoon. Thanks to Robin Varley for co-ordinating the sponsors and charity and for extending a warm welcome to them all. Without the sponsors, events like this at the club would just not happen. The Auction raised a fabulous £3000 with Dicky Hayes our Auctioneer encouraging all to part with their money, even securing £60 for a cheeseboard! Simon Best and his family ran the raffle, which raised an equally impressive £1100. The Pink Ladies were showing a lot of balls (but fortunately not literally!!) raised over £1400 with their bucket collection, with the slogan "giving the finger to Cancer" - brilliant effort Russell and team. Final figures will be announced when all the contributions are in, but it will be close to £6,000!!; a proud day for NRFC and well done all of you for supporting the day with your hard-earned money. Thanks to all the others who contributed to the day and especially Louise Endean, Aditta and the rest of the team for going the extra mile.

We even impressed 50 retired Welsh rugby players from Rhymney Rugby club in South Wales, who called in after a day at Newbury races to watch the international against Scotland on our screens. They weren't impressed by the result obviously but enjoyed their visit so much they would like to arrange a game against us. We used to call them friendlies! Such is how rugby friendships are made!!

Finally, please give loads of support as the teams run out today as our mascots are all clients of our very impressive resident charity Interakt. They are very proud, excited and nervous, but above all really happy to be fulfilling this role today and we are delighted they accepted the invitation. Thanks to Richard (who manages the charity at the club) and his team for co-ordinating this. They make our club an even better and happier place to be on a daily basis. Please give them a cheer, it will mean a lot.

Hope you meet up with some old friends and have a great Rugby day.

David Jones - President

Regional 2 Tribute South Central - League Table

		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Marlborough	17	17	0	0	85
2	Stow-on-the-Wold	17	12	0	5	61
3	Newbury Blues	17	11	0	6	57
4	Witney	18	11	0	7	56
5	Tottonians	16	11	0	5	55
6	Reading	17	8	1	8	43
7	Salisbury	17	8	0	9	41
8	Devizes	17	7	0	10	38
9	Shipston-on-Stour	17	6	0	11	34
10	Swindon	17	6	0	11	34
11	Grove	15	3	0	12	18
12	Buckingham	17	0	1	16	10

REAL ALE BAR



The Newbury Blue would like to offer our continued thanks to Kevin Brady and Indigenous Brewery for the use of their outside bar equipment. Particular thanks also for donations from Life Members: David Barratt, Gordon Feltham, David Smith and Peter Simmons, as well as Mike and Shirley Jarvill, Peter and David Carlisle, Peter Gubb, Don Cameron, and..... Father Pat's bible class!

Regional 2 Tribute South Central - Results Table

Away	Buckingham	Devizes	Grove	Marlborough	Newbury Blues	Reading	Salisbury	Shipston-on-Stour	Stow-on-the-Wold	Swindon	Tottonians	Witney
Home	Buckingham	Devizes	Grove	Marlborough	Newbury Blues	Reading	Salisbury	Shipston-on-Stour	Stow-on-the-Wold	Swindon	Tottonians	Witney
Buckingham		24-29	33-34		0-49	5-5	29-34	17-41	5-55		24-54	
Devizes	41-10			14-48	14-17	29-25	17-16	18-12		19-15		27-17
Grove		50-24			26-37	0-62	29-33		7-61		40-23	19-53
Marlborough	HWO		58-5		50-3		81-5	39-17	31-7	36-17	53-8	42-5
Newbury Blues	45-0	39-24		20-31			29-10		24-29	34-12	41-17	33-12
Reading	39-33		61-3	13-57	19-47			47-15	28-19	18-22	24-12	
Salisbury	31-26	22-17	63-7	10-22		46-7		45-26	7-34	22-17	11-32	7-43
Shipston-on-Stour	63-19	29-25	77-5	3-55	19-17	30-34	26-20		14-17			3-55
Stow-on-the-Wold	50-12	52-19			36-10	38-15		41-5		29-0	21-29	24-17
Swindon	30-24	41-5	31-22	5-40	29-31	5-7		32-20			10-53	10-7
Tottonians		36-26	33-7	18-24		69-7		53-0	16-15	51-7		53-38
Witney	34-25	37-14	38-5	14-47	15-14	38-22	17-10		14-10	31-10		

ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND

FRIDAY 17th - SATURDAY 18th MARCH

PADDY'S DAY FLOODLIT FRIDAY

BAR FOOD

VETERANS 15s RUGBY

NEWBURY BULLDOGS 19:30 **FORCES BARBARIANS**

£4

SIX NATIONS SUPER SATURDAY

BIG SCREEN - £5 ENTRY

SCOTLAND	12:30	ITALY	BIG SCREEN
FRANCE	14:45	WALES	BAR FOOD
IRELAND	17:00	ENGLAND	LIVE IRISH MUSIC

£4 / LARGE GLASS



Referee
Daniel White



NEWBURY BLUES		v	READING RFC	
1	Ben Hicks*	PROP		1
2	George Robinson-Slater*	HOOKEER		2
3	James Macaulay* (VC)	PROP		3
4	Duncan Craigen*	LOCK		4
5	Alex Du Sautoy	LOCK		5
6	Harry Waye-Branch*	FLANKER		6
7	Jonny Lees	FLANKER	Team not available	7
8	Josh Winfield* (C)	NO. 8	at time of going to print	8
9	Toby Thorne*	SCRUM HALF		9
10	Kris Ford (VC)	FLY HALF		10
11	Freddie Beharrell	WING		11
12	Oli Rhoads*	CENTRE		12
13	Ali MaGee*	CENTRE		13
14	Sam Palmer	WING		14
15	Michael Klichowicz	FULL BACK		15
16	Leroy Pyke*	REPLACEMENTS		16
17	Jamal Watson*			17
18	Will Osborne*			18
Head Coach – James McAvoy Coaches – Nigel Beal / Paul Archer Manager - Michael Futchter Physio - Martin Paice / Dan Elsigood Touch Judge - Dave Shields		THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S MASCOTS FROM THE CHARITY INTERAKT		
*Player has come through NRFC youth section				

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR TEAMS PLAYING THIS WEEKEND

STAGS v READING II – 2PM KO

Tom Haynes, Louis Carnell, Adam Henderson(VC), Ben Kaesser, Sam Bramhall, Michael Duppa-Miller(C), Max Oliver, Ben Davies, Jacob Checksfield, Hayden Beal, David Barrow(VC), George Stevens, Joe Fisher, Will Trumper, Mathew Cox, Andrew Maher, John Bastable, Liam Cooper

SENIOR PLAYER SPONSORS 2022-2023

Thank you to all our Player Sponsors for their valued support.

For more info, please contact **Mick Futch** on

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Senior Men

Miles Albert	Mike and Shirley Jarvill
David Barrow	Rehab Guru Ltd, Digital Healthcare Platform
Freddie Beharrell	WMJ Consulting (Mike Jarvill)
Harry Wayne-Branch	Newbury Lodge Kennels (Peter Branch)
Duncan Craigen	Gary Light
Ben Davies	BW Print & Design (Ian and Helen Davies)
Rob Drysdale	MF Project Management (Mick Futch)
Kris Ford	Yuri Pasea
Jamie Futch	Dave Shields
Alex Harris	Capability Financial Solutions Ltd (Rob & Gill Harris)
Tom Haynes	The Stratford Park Hotel & Golf Club (Beverley Haynes)
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Harry Isaac	The Globe Newbury (Katie & Colin Martin)
Michael Klichowicz	T.Mather Tree Services
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James Macaulay	John Mason
Ali Magee	Gary Light
Will Osborne	Kress, Robotic and Garden Tool Manufacturer
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Leroy Pyke	The Bell Pub Aldworth (Mary and Hugh Macaulay)
Jordan Ruddock	Lakeview Carpentry
Toby Thorne	Kept Assets Ltd (Richard Hayes)
Dan Thorne	Piper Power (Stuart Piper and family)
Jamal Watson	Euan and Kinga Smith
Josh Winfield	Tony Naylor's Lunch Table

Senior Women

Lizzie Harris	Capability Financial Solutions Ltd (Rob & Gill Harris)
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Newbury Rugby Football Club – Events

25thFeb - 18thMar All Guinness 6 Nations Games live in Kickers.

Sat 25thFeb Newbury Stags vs Hungerford RFC

Sat 11thMar Newbury Blues vs Shipston-on-Stour RFC

Fri 17thMar St.Patrick's W/E - Newbury Bulldogs vs Forces Barbarians

Sat 18thMar St.Patrick's W/E - Super Saturday

Sat 25thMar Newbury Blues vs Grove RFC

April Papa John's Cup (Games tbc)

29thApr Club Dinner (Guest Speaker tbc)

May Super Sevens

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Be part of it ...

Find out more about our club. See team news, match reports and photos, club information, sponsors updates and much more. Be part of our club and community.

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NEWBURY BLUES PLAYER CAPS 2022 - 2023

Dan Thorne	246
Ben Hicks	228
Rob Drysdale	205
Josh Winfield	188
Jamie Futch	183
Toby Thorne	175
Graham Stewart	149
Josh Bartlett	119
James Macauley	119
Kyle Doel	104
George Robinson-Slater	97
Duncan Craigen	64
Kris Ford	45
Harry Wayne-Branch	43
Michael Klichowicz	36
Will Osborne	31
Tom Cole	26
Jonny Lees	20
Oliver Keyse	15
Ben Davies	15
Harry Isaac	13
Michael Duppa-Miller	11
Jamal Watson	11
Leroy Pyke	10
Miles Albert	10
Freddie Beharrell	9
Sam Bramhall	7
George Butler	6
Ashley Doel	6
Ali MaGee	6
Tiarnan Kelly	5
Joel Cripps	4
Tom Haynes	4
Alex Harris	3
Charlie Lewis	3
Henry Sandys-Lumsdaine	2
Jordan Ruddock	2
Rueben Langdon	2
Sam Palmer	2
Ollie Rhoads	2
James McAvoy	1
Jacob Checksfield	1
Marcus Carruzzo	1
Dion Sankoh	1
Alex Du Sautoy	1

WHO'S WHO?

President	David Jones	
Vice President	Trevor Coles	
Committee:	Club Chair	Louise Goodall
	Honorary Secretary	Christine Morrell
	Treasurer	Peter Lambert
	Rugby Committee Chair	Alasdair Heath
	Rugby Committee Vice Chair	Chris Smith
	Chair of Senior Rugby	Brian Trott
	Chair of Ladies Rugby	Lauren Price Richards
	Chair of Junior Rugby	Abdi Hamisi
	Chair of Mini Rugby	Sarah Tunstall
	Rugby Resources Lead	Peter Benson
	Rugby Safe Lead	Richard Battley
	Co-opted	Alan McDermott
	Co-opted – Community Rugby Lead	James MacCarthy
	Co-opted – Rugby Income Lead	Ian Jack
Trustees:	Steve Gibbs (Chairman), Estelle Dessiaume, Adam Prickett, Mark Trumper	
Life Members:	D.Barratt, N.Booth, T.Coles, R.Cooper, R.N.Cripps, D.Eggbeer, D.J.Feltham, G.Feltham, D.M.Fishleigh, R.Golby, L.J.Goodall, R.Grove, D.Hawkins, C.O.Hobbs, A.Keaney, S.Leonard, J.Lewis, V.Lewis, A.Pankhurst, H.Price-Richards, R.Pratley, P.Simmons, I.Skipworth, D.G.H.Smith, R.Tucker, C.Vare, A.Widdop	

SCORE FORECAST – THE RULES

THE JACKPOT

Any ticket holding the correct match score at the end of the match wins the Jackpot.

MATCH DAY PRIZE

If the Jackpot is not won, a £50.00 prize is awarded to the nearest score at the end of the match. The nearest score will be determined in the following sequence

1. The winning score correct, in combination with the nearest losing score (above and below)
2. The losing score correct, in combination with the nearest winning score (above or below)
3. In the event of a draw, the nearest other draw (above or below)

Notes

- In the event of more than one winner the Jackpot or Match Day prize will be shared equally between the ticket holders.
- The end of the match is at 80 minutes or at time of abandonment. Extra time will not count.
- No prize will be paid without the winning ticket being presented.
- Winners have 28 days in which to claim their prize.

THE REFEREE

The referee has volunteered their services today which ensures the players have a game and that you, the spectators, get to watch it. They referee what they see which is not necessarily what you see or think you see, and they deserve your thanks and courtesy not your anger.

Please be advised that abusive language towards officials, players, coaches, staff or other spectators will not be tolerated, and you may be asked to leave the ground.

Thank you.

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